

PETROSINO PLANS TO FORCE RETURN OF KIDNAPPED BOY

Waging Relentless Campaign Against Blackmailers in Italian Colony.

The mystery of the kidnapping of four-year-old George Brucato is still unsolved. Joseph Petrosino's band of Italian youths have found not the faintest clue.

The mother of the missing boy, Mrs. Rosa Brucato, is ill at her home, No. 28 Stanton street, overcome by grief and anxiety. Though the police have endeavored to assure Mrs. Brucato that the kidnappers will not kill the boy she believed he is dead, and raves about his fate day and night. The father has abandoned hope, and is so enraged at the seeming inertia of the police that he refuses to discuss the kidnapping with them.

Petrosino believes that he will be able to force the return of the boy by his campaign against blackmailers, gamblers and other petty criminals in the Italian colony. He and his detectives have arrested twenty-five perpetrators in the last two weeks, and threaten to drag their net without interruption. As fast as the prisoners are arrested they are disarmed and locked up on charge of carrying concealed weapons.

"We have got these blackmailers and thugs pretty thoroughly frightened now," said Petrosino to-day. "In fact, some of them see that we are going to make it so hot for them that they are taking ship for Italy. By continuing to harass them we shall drive the great majority out of town and intimidate the others."

"As a result sufficient pressure will be brought to bear on these kidnappers to compel them to give up the child. Though I acknowledge they are the most desperate sort of criminals, I do not believe they will kill the boy. They would not profit any by such a crime, and the Brucatos have never put themselves in the way of their vengeance."

BOYS HOLD UP AND ROB SLEUTH'S SON

Youths in Burnt Cork Sally Forth as Real Highwaymen.

Instead of making two juvenile "hold-up men" blacken their faces with burnt cork last night and sally forth to look for a victim to rob on the highway, they encountered twelve-year-old Bruno Saloschin, of No. 171 East Ninety-third street, at Lexington avenue and Ninety-third street, and holding the lad's arms, robbed him of a pocketbook containing 15 cents and a check for \$24.

The highway robbers were two boys of about sixteen and fourteen years, who young Saloschin says had their faces smeared with burnt cork.

The father of the victim, P. S. Saloschin, is manager of a detective agency at No. 209 Broadway, but has been home ill for two weeks. After writing several letters last night he sent the boy to find them. There was 15 cents in a pocketbook, and a check for \$24.

Saloschin had been gone from the house only a few minutes when the robber heard him scream. She found him crying at the corner, and hurried him into the house.

After the boy recovered from his fright, he told his parents that two boys had held him up and demanded the letters he carried. Both boys were about sixteen and fourteen years old, and were dressed in dark suits and hats. They were armed with pistols and a knife.

In four later Patrolman John Cashe, of the Ninety-third street station, was notified. He talked with the boy and a note was sent to the police of the East Ninety-third street station, who sent detectives to look for the boys.

Residents in the neighborhood of Lexington avenue and Ninety-third street have been alarmed by the robbery, and say the same thing happens almost daily.

VICTIM OF CHARCOAL FUMES

Overcome by the fumes of the charcoal stove which he had lighted to warm himself, the body of Antonio Aguilera, a young man of about twenty years, was found dead at No. 128 East One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street, and was carried to the police station. The body was taken to the morgue.

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BLACKHAND BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND THREATS BECOMING ALMOST DAILY.

CENTRAL TRACKS STILL IN STREET

Time for Removal Expired To-Day, but Company Is Yet Fighting for Delay.

The New York Central was given until to-day to remove its tracks and switches on Twelfth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, but instead of complying with the order it asked the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Dec. 6 permission to retain the tracks and use them as heretofore.

The West Side Taxpayers' Association, which has a petition to the Board begging that the railroad be required to remove its tracks at once and suggested that if the Board allowed the matter to go over the company would be able to get additional legislation after Jan. 1, and the city would never again be in a position to clear its streets of the encroachment.

The Board to-day referred the question to a special committee consisting of Comptroller Metz, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Borough President Abrams.

NEWLANDS IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Senator Newlands, of Nevada, has arrived here to visit his daughter, Frau Von Bredow, who has been seriously ill. She is the wife of Lieut. Leopold Von Bredow.

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Truly Warner

LANDSLIDE TIES UP WEST SHORE

Mountainside Slips Near Jones Point and Many Trains Are Delayed.

Train service on the West Shore Railroad was badly crippled, to-day when several hundred tons of stone and earth—practically a whole mountainside—slid down on the tracks at a point between Jones Point and Tomkins Cove, two small stations just above Haverstraw.

The tracks were buried for several hours beneath a mass of earth twenty feet deep in some places. Emergency crews and steam shovels were dispatched to the scene of the landslide, and late this afternoon train service was resumed when the north-bound track was cleared.

FLATBUSH PEST-HOUSE TO REMAIN

Board of Estimate Will Try to Make Some Needed Improvements.

Removal of the Kings County Pest House being impossible, the Board of Estimate to-day decided to hold a public hearing to determine whether it may not be improved so as to be something less of a menace to the health of the Flatbush section.

For years the people of Brooklyn have tried to abolish the institution, but without effect. It is known as the Kings County Hospital for contagious diseases, when it was established the entire section was a wilderness, suitable for the location of a pest house, but now the district is nicely built up, and the pest house is a real menace.

A committee of the Board of Estimate reported to-day against adding two stories to the present building or enlarging them in any way.

The report also settled the question as to the city's power to abolish the institution, by stating that no such power exists.

The only alternative is to improve the site and reduce the danger. It is proposed to do this by laying out a park in front of the hospital and enclosing it with a high fence. The committee recommended that the grounds be laid out and a fence closed so as to give 200 feet clear all around the pest house. This, with sanitary improvements, it is believed will remove all danger of infection, but the pesthouse will remain an eyesore to the entire district.

LECTURE BY SEUMAS M'MANUS.

Seumas M'Manus, Irish novelist and folklorist, who is also a member of the executive of the Gaelic League in Ireland, will lecture before the Brooklyn Gaelic Society on "Idealism and Nationality" next Sunday evening. The lecture will be delivered in the Immaculate Conception Church, Fulton street and Red Hook Lane.

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M'GOWAN'S WIFE CRITICALLY ILL AFTER HER FALL

Accident Due to Torn Up Street May Have Fatal Outcome.

Mrs. Patrick F. McGowan, wife of the President of the Board of Aldermen, was reported to-day to be in a critical condition, following her fall in an unimproved street on Nov. 28. She is at present a patient in the New York Polyclinic Hospital. Mrs. McGowan last night had an attack of heart failure, due to the presence of a clot of blood in the heart valves, and traceable to the accident which prostrated her.

President McGowan was summoned to the hospital, and remained at the bedside of his wife. The surgeons stated they would be unable to forestall the result of the new complication in Mrs. McGowan's condition until later in the day.

On the evening Mrs. McGowan was injured she left her home, No. 24 East Twelfth street, and walked to Fourteenth street and Second avenue. The street at this point had been torn up for many days. Mrs. McGowan stepped

into a hole and fell. She sustained a compound fracture of the left leg and severe injuries about the head and suffered from shock. After a consultation with Dr. Martin Burke, of No. 10 Lexington avenue, Mr. McGowan decided to have his wife removed to the hospital, of which he is a trustee.

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his lip. Lonergan swore he was on the car and saw the assault. He further stated that the conductor, and two women who were with Helmore, told stories directly contradictory of that of the detective, especially concerning the place of assault. Lonergan was so infuriated at the warring the Magistrate gave him that he rushed Helmore to the Tombs before he had a chance to consult counsel, after he had been held in \$500 bail.

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